

# HARDING TO SPEAK AT "CRADLE OF REPUBLIC" ON WEDNESDAY

## GREAT MEN OF U. S. TRAINED AT W. & M.

Many Presidents of Nation and Chief Justice Marshall Were Educated at Williamsburg Institution, Where Chief Executive Is to Deliver Address.

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Washington Was Chancellor.

But President Harding will also recall that the first President of the United States took a leading part in shaping the destiny of the college whose honored guest he will be on October 19. George Washington became President of the United States, he was chosen as chancellor of William and Mary, an office which he held until the day of his death.

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May Talk of Conference.

Mr. Harding, having in mind the conference on the reduction of armaments, which he has called to meet in Washington, and recalling the glories of the historical setting in which he will be enveloped, may be tempted to say something along the same line. What he will say on that topic—and provided he will have anything at all to say—will be said very discreetly and diplomatically, of course. At this particular time, when he has called all the leading nations of the world together, he may deem it inadvisable, the nation's chief executive, to emphasize too strenuously the Anglo-American aims and ideals. For French and Japanese, and Italian and other countries are to be represented at the conference. But in an atmosphere like that which permeates Williamsburg, over his official position cannot prevent him from at least thinking that the genius of the race which gave birth to William and Mary, as well as to the nation her sons risked their all to found, is justly entitled to play the leading role in international affairs and that the supremacy of the position it now occupies must be maintained for eternity—and that the only way it can be maintained is through bringing the two great English-speaking races into ever closer relationship. President Harding may think all these things—does, in fact, think all these things, for he did not hesitate to express himself on different occasions—but, he may not

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## VIRGINIANS RESENTED PLAN FOR FEUDALISM

Refused Absolutely in Colonial Days to Pay Attention to Attempt to Put Into Practice Locke's Scheme of Government.

A compilation of statistics bearing on the population and growth of Virginia from the landing at Jamestown of the "Founders" of Democracy, through the various periods as a colony and State.

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In the last chapter we gave, in outline, data concerning the Colonial history of the original colonies north of Virginia. We will now consider those to the south.

North Carolina embraces within its territory the land upon which the first English colonization was attempted, namely, that on Roanoke Island in 1585. This was the expedition mentioned in a previous chapter to which you may refer for particulars. North Carolina originally formed part of Florida, under the claim made by Spain, by right of discovery. All of that region had been so named since 1512. Later, it is true, it was claimed by France, as was all the Atlantic Coast, under the name of New France (Nouvelle France). Two or three attempts were made by the English to plant settlers in this territory, after the loss of the first colony, but they proved abortive.

Virginians Plant Settlement.

It was not until 1650 that immigrants from Virginia planted the first permanent English settlement, and in 1661 a second English colony, from Massachusetts, settled itself near the mouth of the Cape Fear River. It was not until 1667 that the infant colony secured a representative government. Two years after this, the colony was thrown into confusion by the Utopian dream of Locke's scheme of government. Locke's idea was to claim the territory on that of England, with its lords, castles and great estates controlling the destinies of the settlers and ruling them in a feudal manner. Space does not permit a full account of this wild project. It was soon abandoned, for the liberty-loving Virginia settlers paid no attention whatever to such attempts, and refused absolutely to accept any such scheme. They had tasted of the pleasures and benefits of the freedom they enjoyed in the New World. They did not propose to surrender it.

The growth of Carolina was slow, and this period of its history is remembered by the destructive savagery with the Indians in 1712. In 1717 the proprietary government was forfeited to the crown, and it continued a crown colony until the Revolution, which separated it, with other American colonies, from Great Britain. In 1720 the Southern section of Carolina was cut off, and two distinct governments formed, under the names of North and South Carolina. In 1775 the inhabitants of the

after the settlement at Roanoke. The first settlement was planted at or near Fort Royal in 1585, under the direction of William Sayle, the first Governor of the Province. The next year this little band of Englishmen removed to the western bank of the Ashley River, but owing to the impossibility of large vessels approaching, the site was abandoned and again they removed to the confluence of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers, where the foundation of Charleston was laid.

Rice Introduced in 1695.

In 1662 Charles II. granted both of the Carolinas to Lord Clarendon and others, which fact greatly impeded the growth of South Carolina until 1720, when it was separated into a colony of its own. This was made possible by the introduction of the cultivation of rice in 1695, which turned the tide of immigration in its direction. Indigo and cotton being later introduced, South Carolina became a colony of wealth and independence. Notwithstanding the continued savagery warfare along her frontier, there was continued advancement in population and prosperity, until the war of the Revolution. Her inhabitants took an active part in the battle for liberty, while the names of Marion, Sumter and Lee, and the battles of Cowpens and Utah Springs, will ever continue to occupy a prominent place in the history of our country.

Georgia was the last of the thirteen provinces to be settled by the English. Previous to 1733 it was a wilderness, claimed by Spain as well as England. In November of that year General James Oglethorpe, with 160 persons, left England and arrived at

Charleston in January, 1733. That spring they founded Savannah. The advance of the colony was exceedingly slow, and in 1752 the charter was surrendered to the Crown. A general representative assembly was established in 1755 and was followed by a cession of all the country between the Alabama and St. Mary's Rivers in 1763. This grant was of a great consequence to Georgia and to the other colonies, as it brought about, or was at least the prime cause, of the cession of Florida by Spain to Great Britain.

Warfare Retarded Growth.

From this time Georgia began rapid increase in population, notwithstanding the retarding influence of Indian warfare. When the American Revolution began her inhabitants had just begun to enjoy the blessings of peace. She had not suffered, as had the older colonies, the tyranny practiced by the House of Stuart, and knew the operation of the royal government only in contrast with that of the former proprietors. Notwithstanding this fact, her liberty-loving inhabitants did not hesitate to cast their lot with their Northern brethren and join with them in defiance of the edicts of the English throne.

In March, 1775, they sent a delegate to Congress, and in July of the same year delegates from this province gave sanction to the measures adopted by the thirteen colonies for defense. Georgia was over-run by British troops, and the losses of her citizens were great, but they remained faithful to the end, and the descendants of these hardy pioneers have

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